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ASSOCIATION OF FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS OF NORTHERN GREECE

The Association of Fulbright Scholars was established in Athens in 1978 with the purpose of tightening the relations between Greek Scholars and the United States Educational Foundation in Greece, pursue close cooperation with the Fulbright Program and contribute to the propagation of its purposes.

At the same time a local chapter was established in Thessaloniki with its own governing body. The President of the local chapter is automatically the vice-president of the main Association in Athens. The Thessaloniki chapter has currently about 200 members. Its main activities include lectures of scientific interest, organization of concerts, dinners, etc. The proceeds of these activities usually go to the Scholarship Fund of the Fulbright Foundation.

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ROTARY CLUB THESSALONIKI ANATOLIA

Rotary is an autonomous non-governmental organization offering service with more than 1,200,000 members in more than 30,000 Rotary Clubs, in 162 countries. It consists of active members of our society (businessmen, scientists, professionals, etc.), which carry out together international humanitarian projects, encourage high ethical standards in all occupations and work towards achieving global understanding and peace.

The **Rotary Club Thessaloniki Anatolia** has been one of the most dynamic Rotary Clubs of Greece with **Rotaract** (18 to 30 years old) and **Interact** (14 to 18 years old) sections since the first moment of its foundation. It has even the first section for children under 14 years old to better prepare them for admission to Interact.

Although it is one of the youngest Rotary Clubs of Greece, the action is rich, complex and visionary for the future.

These actions include major speeches from distinguished speakers, numerous events of all the sections of our young people to raise awareness and inform our citizens on environmental issues, charity events for the orphanage in our city "St. Stylianos", participation in speech and art events, with major institutions of our city, our country, and other consular authorities of our city, awards to groups and individuals with great blood offer, great sports offer, without omitting athletes with disabilities, as well as awards for exceptional clubs and people with significant social and other offer. We must not forget to mention twinning with other Rotary Clubs, tours to our friends in the Balkans, tours of archaeological sites, the nights entertainment with dances, songs and jokes and also the sailing trips in Thermaikos bay, which tend to be a tradition each September, every year.

On May 17, 2009, after a conference was held by various Rotary Clubs of the Balkans, in Grand Hotel Palace, in Thessaloniki, the first Balkan Network was founded, which was later named

CFC

Culture, Friendship, Cooperation

and sealed on **Sunday, January 10, 2010** with the **multiple twinning of the Rotary Clubs of Thessaloniki Anatolia-Greece, Nis "Constantine The Great"-Serbia, Blagoevgrad Centrum-**

Bulgaria, **Tirana**-Albania, **Craiova**-Romania and **Thessaloniki West**-Greece.

Purposes of this Balkan Network are:

1. The art exhibition called CUB (Culture Unites Balkans), which started in **Casa Bianca, Thessaloniki** and continued successively in the **Synagogue of Nis**, Serbia, in the **American University of Blagoevgrad**, Bulgaria and at last in the **Gallery of the Association of Sculptors of Craiova**, Romania.

2. The first seminar on Leadership YLC, with specially selected children by the twinned Rotary Clubs, **the Young Ambassadors of the Balkan Network CFC**, which has already been done with great success in **Thessaloniki**, and which will be conveyed to the other cities of the network.

3. Several common offering programs that will multiply the possibilities of each local Rotary Club with the help of large companies operating in the Balkan countries and using various EU and Rotary programs, wherever it is possible.

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AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
OF NORTHERN GREECE

The Goals of the Association

1. To advance the cultural and educational links between Greece and the United States.
2. To uphold cultural and educational contacts between the members of the Association and their Alma Maters.
3. To provide information about colleges and universities in the United States and to conduct authorized admission interviews to prospective applicants from Greece.
4. To encourage Greek students to earn undergraduate and graduate degrees in the United States.
5. To establish scholarships funded from academic institutions or from independent private or public sponsors to support Greek students studying in the United States.
6. To pursue a rapid and unobstructed recognition of all academic degrees earned from accredited Higher education institutions in the United States by the Greek government.
7. To attract scholars and students from the United States to Greece.

The aforementioned goals are pursued through meetings, lectures, publications, radio, television and electronic broadcasting under the supervision and guidance of the Association's committee and work groups.

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PROPELLER CLUB

Profile



The **Propeller Club of the United States** was founded in New York in **1922**. During regular professional meals maritime professionals gathered to discuss the common challenges faced as well as their future activities. These meetings soon led to the establishment of the first Propeller Club.

The Propeller Club's world headquarters is located in Fairfax, Virginia, U.S.A.

The purpose of the Club was and remains the promotion and support of shipping through commerce, diplomacy, training, industry and the cultural understanding between the United States of America and all the peoples neighbouring the sea.

The Club offers its members the opportunity to meet and exchange views regarding a range of professional issues, attend events with distinguished guest speakers who address the membership on a variety of topics pertaining to subjects of broad interest and through discussions broaden the knowledge horizons.

"Propeller" refers to the propulsion of ships and represents the driving force required to achieve the Club's objectives.

There are numerous Propeller Clubs today based in cities with a commercial port in the United States as well as worldwide.

The Thessaloniki Branch was established in **1995** and has approximately 70 members.

The Club is a non-profit organisation and grants youth scholarships to students of non-profit institutions.



The Consul General of the United States of America in Thessaloniki is traditionally the Honorary President of the Club.

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DEMOCRATS ABROAD

Democrats Abroad is the official Democratic Party organization for the millions of Americans living outside the United States. We work to advance the principles of our Party by spreading the Democratic message to Americans abroad and encouraging them to vote for Democratic candidates back home.

Democrats Abroad has committees throughout Europe, the Americas, the Middle East, Africa and Asia. These Country Committees keep Americans abroad informed of their rights and help them participate in the U.S. political process. A small support office is maintained in Washington, D.C.

Democrats Abroad is recognized as a "state" Party by the Democratic National Committee (DNC) and is represented on the DNC by eight voting members, as well as at the quadrennial Democratic National Convention.

For the purposes of conducting business, Democrats Abroad is a non-profit association organized and operating under the Uniform Unincorporated Nonprofit Association Act of 2000, D.C. Code §§ 29-971.01 et seq. Democrats Abroad's principal place of business is the District of Columbia.

The DPCA: The governing body of Democrats Abroad is the Democratic Party Committee Abroad (DPCA), which oversees Democrats Abroad's activities. To avoid confusion between local committees and the international body, we refer to our international body as the DPCA, but are known collectively as Democrats Abroad by the general public and media. The DPCA is comprised of the Chair and Vice Chair of each Country Committee, and the elected international officers of the DPCA (International Chair, International Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Counsel, Regional Vice Chairs), as well as the six representatives of Democrats Abroad to the DNC. (The remaining two members of the DNC from Democrats Abroad are the International Chair and International Vice Chair.)

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REPUBLICANS ABROAD

More than six million Americans live abroad - a number larger than the populations of 24 States in the Union... Republicans Abroad represents and works to protect the interests of overseas Americans on a wide range of issues. Republicans Abroad mobilizes the support of Americans overseas to support Republican candidates in US elections.

Membership in Republicans Abroad provides a unique opportunity for Americans living overseas to communicate their concerns to Republican leaders in Washington. Republicans Abroad has fought for issues of concern to Americans abroad like repatriation issues, strong support of Section 911 foreign earned income exemption, anti-terrorism legislation, fair trade policies, and the inclusion of the expatriate population in the United States Census.

Republicans Abroad is an organization for members of the Republican Party who are living outside of the United States. Unlike Democrats Abroad, Republicans Abroad is not considered a "state committee" by the Republican National Committee. As a consequence, Republicans Abroad is free to raise money from foreign lobbyists and governments without limit and is not required to report its finances. Because they are not considered a state, American Republicans living abroad are not represented at the Republican National Convention.

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PINEWOOD SCHOOLS OF THESSALONIKI, GREECE

Pinewood Schools of Thessaloniki, Greece, is an independent, co-educational school which offers an educational program from for pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12 and boarding facilities from Grade 7 through Grade 12 for students of all nationalities. The school was founded in 1950 (elementary) and 1962 (secondary). The school year comprises 2 semesters extending from September 4 to January 19 and from January 22 to June 14.

Organization: The school is governed by an 11-member School Board. Regular members of the Corporation, include all parents who have children enrolled in the school, as well as the director and the faculty, elect 8 of the 11 members to the Board for 2-year terms. The school is incorporated in the United States under the laws of the State of Delaware and has been designated as tax-exempt under 501 (c) (3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Curriculum: The curriculum is that of U.S. general academic, college-preparatory public schools. The International Baccalaureate Diploma Program was added in September 1999. School's testing program includes the College Board and the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying tests. Instruction is in English. Greek and French are taught as foreign languages. Eighty-five percent of the graduates go on to colleges and universities in the U.S. and other countries.

Faculty: There are 21 full-time and 13 part-time faculty members in the 2003-2004 school year, including 7 U.S. citizens, 12 host-country nationals and 15 persons of other nationalities.

Enrollment: Enrollment at the opening of the 2003-2004 school year was 205, 43 of which are U.S. citizens, 15 host-country nationals and 147 of 32 other nationalities.

Facilities: The school possesses adequate and well-maintained facilities, including a chemistry/biology laboratory, a small gymnasium/auditorium, a library/audio visual center, and a computer room. A new 4-classroom complex was constructed in the summer of 1998 to house areas of pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, music and art, and a 2-classroom complex for grades 6 and 7 was constructed in the summer of 2000.

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ANATOLIA COLLEGE

Anatolia College, commonly known in Thessaloniki as "The American College", pursues a variety of educational tasks on its 45 acre campus between Pylea and Panorama. Originally founded by American Protestant missionaries in Asia Minor in the mid-nineteenth century, Anatolia moved to Thessaloniki in 1924. A private, non-profit institution incorporated in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and governed by a Board of Trustees based in Boston, Anatolia has received substantial assistance from the Agency for International Development's Office of American Schools and Hospitals Abroad for upgrading and expanding its physical plant. Anatolia's overriding purpose is to promote friendship between the people of the United States and Greece through the medium of education.

The best known of Anatolia's constituent schools is the secondary school, enrolling 1.260 students. Divided into two junior high schools (gymnasiums) and two senior high schools (lyceums), the secondary school awards the standard Greek diploma but enriches the mandated program with intensive study of English, laboratory training in science and computers and a variety of extracurricular activities. An intensive International Baccalaureate (IB) program, conducted in English, prepares students for the top American and British Universities.

Anatolia's Management Assistance Division provides trained office staff equipped with English language skills for the internationally oriented business firms of Thessaloniki. The nine-month training stresses business English, accounting, word processing and office communications.

The American College of Thessaloniki (ACT), founded in 1981 to offer an American style alternative to the limited options available in Greek higher education, follows the model of the U.S. business and liberal arts college. Classes are taught in English by American-trained instructors, and it is a four-year liberal arts college with a fast-paced, one-year MBA program. Over 750 students are currently enrolled in courses spanning the liberal arts and business administration.

ACT's 45,000 foot Bissell Library, containing the Niarchos Technology Center was inaugurated in October 2002 and is available as a community resource.

Ancillary programs at Anatolia include international student exchanges, adult education, and English classes for children of bilingual families. Anatolia is the official testing center in northern Greece for standard U.S. college entrance and English language tests (SAT, TOEFL, GRE, GMAT, Michigan, etc.) The institution also conducts professional training, sponsored by USAID and the World Bank, throughout the Balkan region.

Anatolia is supported by its alumni association representing 8,000 graduates, mostly in Thessaloniki, and the Friends of Anatolia which organizes social and cultural events for the College's benefit. The school welcomes private and corporate donations, particularly in support of its extensive scholarship awards. The President of Anatolia College is Mr. **Panos Vlachos**

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION OF GREECE (IWOG)

The IWOG Organization has been active in Thessaloniki for more than 40 years. It was originally named AWOOG (American Women's Organization of Greece), but has had a more international base for some considerable time. It consists of 230 members of many nationalities. IWOG's constitution allows a third of the membership to be Greek citizens. The only criterion for any member is that they feel comfortable with the English language as all meetings are held in English. Meetings are held once a month.

Originally, AWOOG was a charitable organization. Although now IWOG still considers charity to be very important, it also offers a center of communication for its many members and has evolved several self-assistance groups (English-speaking nursery school, etc.). The prime aim of the organization is to help various organizations in the Thessaloniki area. The money raised from activities during the year is distributed to organizations seeking support. During the past year, help was given to Anatolia College, Pinewood Schools, American Farm School, the Heart Institute, the Autistic Children's Society, YWCA, YMCA, ELEPAP, and the Children's Rheumatoid Arthritis Clinic.

The organization consists of five elected officers and nine chairwomen.

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GREEK-AMERICAN UNION OF KASTORIA

There are nearly 900 Greek Americans living in Kastoria, Greece.

The club was originally founded in 1976 by a group of men that had returned from their lives in New York back to their hometown of Kastoria.

The purpose of the club then and over the past 20 years has been helping its members to maintain the traditions gained by their experiences living in America; Thanksgiving and the 4th of July being the most important of these celebrations remembered.

We act as a liaison with the US Consulate in Thessaloniki and offer help to our members with passport renewal, visa appointments, voters registration and many other problems and questions that they may have. Members of the board are acting Wardens in case of any emergency getting information as quickly as possible to its members and the whole American community of Kastoria.

There has always been a philanthropic side to the club, helping when asked and where needed.

Please also note that the club has it's on site on the internet: <http://www.greekamericanunionkastoria.webs.com/>

and also has a page on Face book.

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AMERICAN FARM SCHOOL

- An independent, non-profit institution founded in 1904, the Thessalonica Agricultural and Industrial Institute, also known as the American Farm School, serves students at the primary, secondary, post-secondary and adult levels. The Institute provides formal agricultural education as well as technical and professional agricultural training. Its mission is to prepare its students for leadership roles in community life, and to do so in an environment that fosters individual initiative, a spirit of enterprise, an appreciation of excellence, a lasting attitude of inquiry, and the ability to work cooperatively.

OBJECTIVES

- to promote, teach, and demonstrate farming practices that are economically viable, ecologically sound, and socially responsible.
- to initiate and support projects in sustainable rural development
- to disseminate current and reliable information on agricultural issues
- to maintain an international perspective, serve Greece in its role as a member of the European Union, and further understanding and friendship between the Greek and American people.

CORE PROGRAMS

- **SECONDARY:** Technical Professional School and Technical Professional Lyceum. There are 240 boys and girls enrolled, ages 14-18. All students board on campus and all receive tuition scholarship assistance.
- **POST-SECONDARY:** Dimitris Perotis College of Agricultural Studies: Opened in 1996, this 2-year college aims at preparing individuals for successful careers in the field of agriculture and agricultural business. The language of instruction is English.
- **ADULT:** Department of Lifelong Learning.
- **DEMONSTRATION FARM:** Campus Farm and Zannas Farm in Valtochori. The School's 375-acre campus includes a demonstration training farm. Farm products for sale include milk, eggs, holiday turkeys, day-old chicks, broiler chicken, grains, wine and houseplants.
- **LIBRARY/INFORMATION CENTER**

The American Farm School is incorporated in New York State and governed by a Board of Trustees of 36 Americans and Greeks.

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AMERICAN HELLENIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The American Hellenic Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1932 with its basic objective the development of trade and economic relations between Greece and the U.S. The Chamber promotes and represents the interests of its members in matters of trade and industry between the two countries and generally makes every effort to encourage and facilitate all forms of commerce between the U.S. and Greece.

To these ends, it seeks to acquaint and inform the American business community resident in Greece with the economic environment and business practices of the host country; to represent the Greek-American business community vis-a-vis government departments and agencies; to aid and assist importers in their respective countries and to provide a forum for an exchange of views on matters of mutual business and commercial interest.

The American Hellenic Chamber of Commerce has been formed as a nonprofit, self-supporting organization depending entirely on the contributions of its members. As a policy, the Chamber does not accept any form of subsidy from any governmental body. Thus, its independence in representing the Greek-American business community is assured.

Policy-making is vested in the Chamber's Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, both elected by the Annual General Meeting of the members every three years.

Membership in the Chamber is open to all corporations and individuals, whether resident in Greece or not, and regardless of nationality. Firms and businessmen join the Chamber for various reasons, obviously depending on their particular needs and interests. Typical membership categories include: American Companies operating in Greece, Greek firms exporting to, or doing business in the U.S., Greek firms representing American companies, accounting firms, lawyers and other professional services.

The American Hellenic Chamber of Commerce is a fully accredited federation member of the "Chamber of Commerce of the United States", located in Washington, D.C., and, as such, is eligible to use that organization's informational and other facilities. It is affiliated to the "Council of American Chambers of Commerce-Europe and Mediterranean".

Members enjoy the following services:

Conferences, exhibitions, member meetings, commercial delegations to the U.S., and publications, such as Yearly Member Guide, "Greek-American Trade" journal, etc., which are distributed to the members free of charge.

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YMCA OF THESSALONIKI

(YOUNG MEN CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION)

In the year of 1918, during World War I, an expedition of the American YMCA arrived at the Macedonian front, to assist Greek and Allied Armies, by organizing establishments for the soldiers on leave. These establishments operated as the first YMCA Greek family. YMCA of Thessaloniki was legally founded and operated legally in 1921, and in 1923 the first summer camp in Greece was operated by YMCA.

Today, YMCA of Thessaloniki has, besides the central offices, two branches and three summer and winter camps. It is involved in social activities and programs, in national fieldwork and maintains an excellent position in the athletics sector.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS: An exchange program with YMCA of Rochester, N.Y., U.S.A. is running for the past 15 years offering American and Greek campers a program which includes camping, hospitality of Greek and American families, and visits.

The National Council of YMCA, Thessaloniki, organized also a program for the Eastern European Countries, with the participation of field groups organized by the European Alliance. It includes visits, training courses, camp activities, seminars, etc.

Many interesting departments operate in YMCA Thessaloniki, most important of which are:

DEPARTMENTS OF ACTION: These departments offer Greek folk dancing groups (more than 120 participants), children's programs of learning and creating (a full year's program), summer program for children (more than 100 children per season), social work field group which operates an anti-poverty program in Thessaloniki, Youth Drama Club and Drama Club (two active theatrical groups), and Old Members Club for old YMCA members.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT: This department runs all educational programs for YMCA not only for its members but also for the public, such as: art courses (sculpture, icon agiography, pottery seminars on history of arts, painting, photography, pyrography, poker picture, fabric painting), music courses (classic and electrical guitar, preparatory music education), preschool programs, child care.

COMPETITIVE SPORTS DEPARTMENT: This department holds 10 Olympic sports and is a member of their national federations.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION/RECREATION SPORTS: This department is offering extensive athletic courses and programs such as aerobic workout programs, water gym, modern jazz, kung fu and judo, tennis, basketball, volley, etc.

President of YMCA Thessaloniki is Mr. **Ioannis Sossidis**, and Director is Mr. **Christos Trigonas**.

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DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE
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The Daughters of Penelope (E-mail daughters@ahepa.gr) is the Women's group of the AHEPA family with headquarters in Washington, D.C. It was founded in 1929 in San Francisco. Today, the Daughters of Penelope is a leader in philanthropic, educational and cultural activities with local chapters in U.S.A., Canada and Greece. Over 390 Chapters have been established all over the world. In Greece, there are two chapters in Athens, Veria, Corfu and Thessaloniki. In Thessaloniki, Chapter 393 was founded by Jennie Mortaki in December 1995. Its name is 'OLYMPIADES'.

The Chapter's objectives are:

- (a) To strengthen the bonds between the Greeks of the U.S.A., Canada, Australia, etc. and the Greeks of Greece through cultural and social activities and exchanges.
- (b) To promote the social and intellectual interests of its members as well as the promotion of our city, Thessaloniki, as the Cultural Center of Europe.

In addition to above, members work for important philanthropic projects in our community.

Since April 2000 a Chapter of Maids of Athena was founded in Thessaloniki. It is the first Chapter of young girls in Greece. The initiation took place in September, and its name is 'MIRTALIDES'.

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ALEXANDER THE GREAT CHAPTER HJ-3 – AHEPA, THESSALONIKI

Alexander the Great Chapter HJ-3, men's chapter of AHEPA, was established in Thessaloniki in 1999.

It is a non-profitable organization aiming to the promotion of Greek ideals and traditions and the friendship between Greece, U.S.A., Canada and Australia. It also aims to the promotion of educational opportunities, charities, and to strengthen and participate in the goals and ideals of AHEPA Organization.

It consists of 36 members and the Board is:

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AHEPA (AMERICAN HELLENIC EDUCATIONAL PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION)

HISTORY: The AHEPA was founded in Atlanta, Georgia, on July 26, 1922, for the simple purpose of assisting all immigrants of Greek descent to achieve American citizenship through chapter "schools" of instruction in the principles of American government, the use and increased fluency in the English language, and to facilitate assimilation by encouraging members to actively participate in the civic life of the American community. One of the requirements for membership was either to be an American citizen or to have applied for American citizenship.

AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS: The order of AHEPA has three auxiliary organizations: (1) The Daughters of Penelope (senior women's auxiliary), (2) The Sons of Pericles (junior young men's auxiliary) and (3) The Maids of Athena (junior young women's auxiliary). All make up the concept of the "AHEPA FAMILY". There are over 1,000 chapters of the AHEPA Family throughout the U.S. and Canada, with a total membership in excess of 60,000.

MEMBERSHIP: Members of AHEPA, from all walks of life, are largely American and Canadian citizens of Greek descent (95%) though this is not a requirement. Former U.S. Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman were members. President Truman joined AHEPA while serving as President, former Vice President Hubert Humphrey and Spiro Agnew were members. Many current and former Members of Congress as well as State Governors are members. Individuals join AHEPA by becoming members of a local chapter which elect and appoint their own officers. The AHEPA is subdivided into regional territories (districts). Professional assistance is provided by the headquarters under the direction of the Executive Director.

CIVIC PARTICIPATION: AHEPA plans its own activities and participation in local civic affairs and projects. It aids and contributes to major local fund drives, as well as projects such as medical research to find a cure for Cooley's Anemia, the Save-a-Heart Fund, scholarship programs and Educational Foundation, St. Basil's Academy in Garrison, N.Y., the Deborah Heart and Lung Center in New Jersey, and the Special Olympics.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: In the field of international relations, AHEPA has constantly maintained an active interest in affairs which strengthen the relationship between the people of the U.S., Canada, Australia and Greece. The fraternity has been active in matters of international importance concerning the U.S. and Greece.

AHEPA's most visible presence in Thessaloniki is the AHEPA Hospital at 1 St. Kyriakidi Street, constructed in 1952.

AHEPA's U.S. address is: 1909 Q Street, NW, Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 2000
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HELLENIC-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LARISA

The Association was founded in 1987, and is a social and educational association without political character, aiming to the friendship between Greeks and Americans both in Thessaly and America, and make Greece well known to the Americans in USA and project national interests. The Association organizes public speeches, meetings, debates, athletic games, issues books, newspapers, and periodicals, and organizes athletic teams for participation in national championships. Volunteerism and altruism and offer of services are the main requirements for its members.

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TOWER

TOWER (Thessaloniki Organisation for Women's Employment and Resources) is a non-governmental, not-for-profit network of women focusing on career development for the foreign woman in Greece. Women from every country are welcome as members.

TOWER looks to build upon strengths, utilizing various approaches to develop one of Greece's most valuable, yet often overlooked, human resources: the foreign woman.

Besides an electronic newsletter and regular events – from seminars to conferences - members have recourse to the expertise of TOWER network facilitators in: tourism, trade, language teaching, technology and translating/interpretation. Newcomers to the city also have a facilitator.

TOWER's website <http://www.tower4women.gr> has also proven popular with the general public. Besides information about TOWER events, the public uses the community bulletin board to post and read notices about community activities, job openings and general information.

Officially established with a founding conference in 2002, TOWER has steadily grown in size. Most of the members are from the European Union, (particularly the UK) with the next biggest contingency North America. Nearly one-tenth of the membership consists of repatriated Greeks. The vast majority of the members has a university degree, and about half of those hold a post-graduate degree. Most of the members are currently working.

Besides attracting the interest of the target community, TOWER has also served as a mouthpiece for foreign female immigrants living in Greece at international conferences on immigration in Vienna and Athens. National newspapers have run articles on TOWER, and it has had local print and television coverage.

TOWER's quest for a fully integrated society has just begun.

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